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Firstly, a minor mistake in Bulletin No.11. In showing the low marks for Jim Thomson as 7.84 and 8.03 I took Jim's figure of 7.84 from Gurston on 25/7/71. This was for his fastest Class run and not for his "Top Ten" run which was subsequently allowed in the Championship. Jim's two lowest marks after Cadwell were therefore 8.03 from the first Loton and 8:60 from the first Harewood. This could have fooled anyone working out the knife-edge balance at the top of the list.

Last week-end at Harewood both Bob Speak and Jim Thompson scored a maximum of 10 but with Jim dropping 8.03 and Bob only 7.50 the gap between them has narrowed to only 0.19 marks. If they both score a maximum at Scarborough Bob will finish with a score of 66.81 whilst Jim will finish with 66.61. In other words Bob can afford to gain slightly less than Jim to clinch the title, although the slightest sign of a below par performance be either could give the title to the other.

In the other award winning positions, down to tenth, there is also going to be a good deal of final skirmishing for position with probably as little as seven points dividing first man from tenth Chris Seaman, Richard Jones, Richard White, Mervyn Bartram and that man Hepworth are all in strong contention for the next four places.

The positions in the table after Harewood on 11th. September are given below down to fiftieth place. Just as a matter of interest, I have included a column where for the top twenty in the table I have shown the maximum they can possibly score if they were to get a maximum at Scarborough.

<u>Posn</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Events</u>	<u>Marks</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Poss.</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
					<u>Mark</u>	<u>Total</u>		
1	Jim Thomson	Vauxhall Viva GT	7+1	65.21	8.60	66.61	2	Otley
2	Robert Speak	Ford Escort	7+2	65.02	8.21	66.81	1	Blackburn
3	Chris Seaman	M.G.Midget	7+2	61.97	7.95	64.02	6	Sheffield
4	Richard Jones	Mallock U.2 Ford	7+3	61.62	7.19	64.43	13	Birmingham
5	Mervyn Bartram	Moss Chevron B.2 Ford	7+3	58.77	7.15	61.62	13	York
6	Richard White	Ford Escort Mexico	7+2	58.37	5.47	63.10	2	Colne
7	Spotty Smith	T.V.R. Tuscan	7+2	57.65	6.89	60.76	8	Jump
8	Nicky Porter	B.L.Cooper S	7+2	57.35	7.42	59.93	3	W.Auckland
9	David Hepworth	Guyson Sandblast Spl	7	57.27	5.49	61.78	18	Brighouse
10	Trevor Smith	Daren Gp.7 FVA	7+3	56.69	7.23	59.46	14	Stanley
11	Chris Cramer	Terrapin Mk.5 S/R	7+2	54.63	6.16	58.47	14	Stroud
12	Peter Voigt	Ginetta G.17 Imp	7	54.21	6.93	57.28	16	Haywards Heath
13	Richard Thwaites	Packmail McLaren	7+1	51.97	6.22	55.75	18	Dewsbury
14	Jim Robinson	Mallock U.2 Ford	7+2	51.55	5.97	55.58	13	Loughborough
15	Frank Aston	Landar R.7 BL	7+1	51.14	3.68	57.46	12	Shrewsbury
16	Mike Flather	B.L.Cooper S	7+2	50.44	6.49	53.95	3	Droitwich
17	David Morris	Mallock U.2 TC	7	48.98	2.86	56.12	14	Haverfordwest
18	John Pascoe	B.L.Cooper S	7+2	47.66	5.90	51.76	3	Blackwood
19	Graham Brooks	Ford Escort GT	6	45.82	----	55.82	1	Oswaldtwistle
20	Alex Boyle	B.L.Cooper S	7+2	42.59	5.47	47.12	3	London
21	Miss Pat Hopkinson	Austin Healey Sprite	7	42.09	1.44	50.65	6	Sheffield
22	John Barratt	Merlyn Mk.6B Ford	7+1	39.15	2.13		12	Hazel Grove
23	Scott Robinson	Mallock U.2 Ford	7+1	38.73	3.81		13	Loughborough
24	Ed.Spencer	B.L.Cooper S	7+2	37.96	3.98		5	Leeds
25	John Meredith	B.L.Mini	6	36.59	----		1	Cheddington
26	Richard Evans	Mallock U.2 TC	7+1	36.05	2.70		14	Haverfordwest
27	Jeff Hill	Mallock U.2 TC	5	33.64	----		14	Bristol
28	Gordon Brookes	B.L.Mini	7	32.51	2.30		4	Godalming
29	Clive Harrison	B.L.Cooper S	5	32.19	----		3	Darlington
30	John Davies	B.L.Cooper S	6	31.86	----		5	Broadway
31	John Hawley	M.G.Midget	7	30.34	1.73		6	Upton on 7
32	Bill Morris	Mallock U.2	6	30.21	----		14	Haverfordwest

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Further information from :

Top Positions Continued

Posn	Name	Car	Events	Marks	Low Mark	Class	Hometown
33	Peter Varley	Brabham BT21C Ford	6	30.13	----	17	Ambergate
34	Bob Cartledge	M.G.Midget	7+2	30.12	3.47	6	Sheffield
35	Mike Allan	Ecosse Imp	7+1	29.93	2.87	16	Halifax
36	Tony Lambert	Ginetta G.4 Ford	6	28.53	----	14	Solihull
37	Brian Alexander	Ginetta G.16 Olds	6	26.95	----	15	Stroud
38	Mike Beckett	Ford Anglia TC	6	24.16	----	5	Sheffield
39	Alex Jackson	B.L. Mini	5	23.31	----	1	Leeds
40	John McCartney	Techcraft BRM	6	22.68	----	18	Horwich
41	Jim Thomson	Chevron B.8 BMW	5	22.48	----	15	Otley
42	Joe Ward	Ward Ford Mk.4	3	22.04	----	3	Thornton Dale
43	Allan Staniforth	Terrapin Min Mk.1 BL	5	21.81	----	16	Leeds
44	Chippy Stross	Chevron B.8 BMW	5	20.62	----	15	Leeds
45	Tom Elton	Brabham BT18 Ford	3	19.09	----	16	Westbury
46	John Walker	Jaguar E Type	4	18.61	----	10	Cawthorne
47	Mike Thomas	Paola GT BL	5	18.56	----	11	Salisbury
48	Roger Willoughby	Brabham BT15 Ford	2	16.32	----	16	Sulhamstead
49	Tim Hayton	Mini Marcos GT BL	3	16.18	----	11	Guisborough
50	Fred Cliffe	Jaguar E Type	2	16.07	----	10	Selby

and so on down to 126th. place. A full table of all competitors who have scored marks will be published after the final round.

One of the reasons why competition in this Championship is so close is the division of competitors into classes. The class system used for all meetings in the series is constantly being slightly revised to keep abreast of developments and as the end of the 1971 season draws near the time is coming along when any changes required should be made. With this in mind two drivers' forums have been arranged, one in the North and one in the South, where competitors and organisers can meet together to talk over the past season and look at class and rule changes which are needed for 1972. The dates and venues of the two forums are:-

Southern Forum

Friday 8th. October 1971

7.30 for 8.00p.m.

The Stratton House Hotel,
Stratton,

Nr. Cirencester.

(On A.417 1 mile N of Cirencester)

Northern Forum

Wednesday 13th. October 1971

7.30 for 8.00p.m.

The Hotel Metropole

King Street,

Leeds 1.

(In the centre of Leeds)

Mike Norris Hill of Gurston Down is looking after the administration of the Southern Forum and any matters relating to this meeting should be addressed to him at Wentways, Beauworth, Alresford, Hants. Tel. Bramdean 248 whilst matters for the Northern get together should be addressed to me. All the points made at these two meetings will be considered and the Class Proposals for 1972 published as soon as possible after the meetings to become final around November time so you will know what to do for next season.

If any of you have opinions on possible amendments which you would like your colleagues to consider before the forums, please drop me a line and I will include a summary of the suggestions in the bulletin after Scarborough. Also, now whilst things are fresh in your minds is the time for any suggestions for changes, or improvements in the format of our Championship. To help in your deliberations on these points I am enclosing a copy of the Regulations for this year's event together with a copy of this year's Class leaflet.

Entries for the cliff hanging final at Scarborough are due to close on Wednesday 15th. September and it looks as if the list will be full on that date. There are still one or two people who have not entered and we will try our best to fit them in if they telephone as soon as they get this bulletin, and certainly no later than Saturday 18th. September.

Now for Scarborough where Robert Speak has to get up the hill in 53.72 seconds to be sure of winning the Championship, Jim Thomson needs a 51.41 to do everything he can to stop Robert and the rest of the field will be snapping at their heels battling for the next places and ready to take over if either or both of the leading pair slip up. Certainly it is going to be a very close finish.

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